

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

Kilwinning Rangers FC

on behalf of

Keiren Wood

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Wednesday 16th February 2022 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 70th minute of the West of Scotland Premier Division fixture between Largs Thistle FC and Kilwinning Rangers FC on Saturday 12th February 2022, the player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for A2 Violent Conduct.
3. The Claimants submitted a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal on behalf of the Player. In support of this Claim, the Club submitted video footage showing the incident in question and written submissions.
4. In order for a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal to be upheld, the Fast Track Tribunal must be satisfied, by way of evidence submitted and upon the balance of probabilities, that the Referee made an Obvious Refereeing Error in dismissing the player.
5. In summary, the Claimant's submission was that the player made a petulant and foolish attempt to trip his opponent after the two players had collided. He contended that there was no violence or excessive force or brutality involved, and that a caution and yellow card would have been an appropriate response to his reaction.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was Violent Conduct, occurred when the player deliberately kicked the opponent on the ankle with excessive force when not challenging for the ball. The Referee stated that the player's facial expression reinforced his view that the act was a deliberate act of violent conduct.
7. The Fast Track Tribunal viewed the video footage of the incident and carefully considered the written submissions from the Claimants. It also considered the definition from Laws of the Game in relation to: A2 Violent Conduct.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimants had been unsuccessful in demonstrating that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred. The Fast Track Tribunal was of the opinion that the player had clearly kicked the opponent when not challenging for the ball and committed a clear act of Violent Conduct as defined in the Laws of the Game.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be dismissed and the sending off offence and the original sanction reimposed. The Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claim did not fall to be dealt with under Paragraph 13.21.8.1.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.